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2. Signature blocks as appropriate. (On reverse side of map)
3. Map with known SAM's, MIG-21 bases plotted, and current fighter AOB.
4. Map with current weather.
5. Vulnerability estimate for current mission.
6. Authority for mission (COMOR/USIB/303 Committee).
7. Cable to NPIC and reply [redacted] SAM System search - Attachments 1 and 2).

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10. JRC coordination (Parts I and II - Mission Plan - Attachment 7).

11. [redacted] (Mission Intelligence Data - Attachment 8).

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MISSION PROPOSAL

NUMBER	C245C	
LAUNCH DATE/TIME	30/0100Z	
TOTAL DISTANCE	<div></div>	25X1
TOTAL TIME/DENIED TERRITORY TIME	<div>1+13</div>	25X1
PENETRATION ALTITUDE	69M	
MAXIMUM ALTITUDE	<div></div>	25X1
FUEL RESERVE	205 GAL	25X1
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT	<div></div>	
	"B" Configuration	
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VULNERABILITY ESTIMATE FOR MISSION C245C

CONCLUSION:

There are no known surface-to-air missile defenses in South China capable of interfering with Mission C245C. The risk of a successful U-2 intercept by a MIG-21 on this mission is less than 22%.

GENERAL:

The MIG-15, 17, and 19 do not present a threat to the U-2 at 69,000 feet. Of these three fighter types, none can cruise supersonic. The MIG-19 can exceed Mach 1, perform a dynamic climb to approximately 62,000 feet and cruise subsonic, steady state at 59,000 plus or minus 1000 feet. The MIG-19 does not have sufficient power to perform an effective ZOOM maneuver.

The MIG-21 has the capability of intercepting the U-2 at 69,000 feet by performing a ZOOM maneuver and launching an AA-2 Sidewinder type IR missile.

AIR ORDER OF BATTLE FOR SOUTH CHINA:

There are four airfields in this area pertinent to Mission C245C. They are Wuhu, Lei Yang, Luchiao and Fu Chou. MIG-21's have been noted in photography [redacted] as having been at Wuhu, Lei Yang and Kunming. MIG-19's are located at Luchiao and Fu Chou.

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Based on the latest photography [redacted] we estimate approximately 17 MIG-21's to be based at the airfields mentioned earlier. Of this number we estimate four MIG-21's to be on strip alert and within range of Mission C245C. If this assumption is correct, then the estimated risk of a successful MIG-21 intercept against the U-2 at 69,000 feet is less than 22%.

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[redacted] Red Chinese fighters have penetrated international waters in the past, and we must assume they will continue to intercept reconnaissance flights in the future.

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A request for a SAM search thirty nautical miles either side of planned track has been levied on NPIC. The results were negative and copies of the request and results may be found elsewhere in this report.

REQUIREMENT: STATED IN COMOR 25/142 OF FEB 1965.

APPROVED BY USIB 3 MARCH 1965.

REQUIREMENT FOR IMMEDIATE COVERAGE OF 19  
TARGETS IN SOUTH CHINA AND SUBSEQUENTLY



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APPROVAL : 303 COMMITTEE APPROVED ON 31 MARCH 1965  
FOR APRIL NRO FORECAST.



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B. 291100Z

C. NOTHING TO REPORT.

D. SEARCH OF AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE PERTINENT TO THE AREA

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☐ EITHER SIDE OF TRACK OF C245C REVEALED NO PREVIOUSLY EXISTING  
OR NEW SAM SITES IN THE AREA. THE AREA ALONG THE FOLLOWING  
POINT TO POINT REFERENCES HAS BEEN SEARCHED TO THE BEST OF OUR  
ABILITY FROM PHOTOGRAPHY AVAILABLE.

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ROUTE B



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AN OVERLAY DEPICTING PHOTOGRAPHY EXAMINED TO ANSWER THIS  
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6	RB/OSA	14	
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8		16	
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TOMORROW. [REDACTED]

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E. [REDACTED]

F. MIG-21S ARE LOCATED AT LEIYANG, NANCHANG, AND WUHU.

MIG-19S ARE LOCATED AT NAN HAI, FUCHOU, HSINGNING AND LUCHIAO.

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ROUTE A NORTH

LUNG TIEN A/F

2534N 11928E

NAN TAI A/F

2600N 11919E

FU CHOU

2605N 11918E

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FU CHOU ARMY SUPPLY DEPOT

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FU CHOU ARMY BKS. N.

2608N 11917E

TAN YANG ARMY BKS. SE

2620N 11930E

LIEN CHANG ARMY BKS.

2612N 11932E

LU CHIAO A/F

2833N 12126E

CHANG CHIAO PRIMARY A/F

2955N 12134E

LUNG HUA A/F

3110N 12127E

HOU SO CHENG NAVAL BASE

2953N 12157E

TING HAI NAVAL BASE &amp; SHIPYARD

3001N 12205E

TAI SHAN A/F

3017N 12208E

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2612N 11932E

FU CHOU ARMY BKS. N

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FU CHOU ARMY SUPPLY DEPOT

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CHIANG KOU BKS & STORAGE	2531N	11912E
HAN CHIANG ARMY BKS. N	2529N	11906E
PU TIEN BKS. NNE	2530N	11901E
HSIEN YU ARMY BKS.	2522N	11842E
LO CHI ARMY BKS. SSW	2507N	11823E
HUNG LAI ARMY BKS. N	2506N	11831E
TA YU CHIEN ARMY BKS. AND AMMO STORAGE	2502N	11816E
CHING YANG A/F	2448N	11835E
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TUNG AN ARMY BKS.	2444N	11808E
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SHAN TOU ARMY BKS

2326N 11635E

SWATOW A/F, NE

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SHAN TOU NAVAL BASE

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